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## **Election Day**

"I regard voting as the most sacred right of free men and women."

-- June 29, 1981, President Ronald Reagan

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, is Election Day for California. Today, in the United States, we take for granted our voting rights. This is one of our most important rights that we should exercise every time we are given an opportunity.

Unfortunately, some people in this country decide to stay home instead of voting – stating that it's inconvenient, or they do not have enough time, or they do not believe their vote counts. We should not take these rights for granted and offer up excuses.

#### **News of the Week**

Secretary of State Web site

High Speed Rail Clears Another Hurdle

Illegal Immigration Issue Flares Up at State Capitol

Education Road Map to be Drawn by Committee

Hesperia City Council Considers Ban on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Levee Priorities Discussed in State Hearing

Santa Paula Hires New Police Chief

New Jethawks Owner Steps Up to Plate

Just look at the newly formed democracy in Iraq. In their recent election to vote on their new constitution, over 10 million Iraqis voted. These people risked their lives, their families' safety, and waited in long lines just for the opportunity to let their voice be known and participate in their government.

We need to remember that this right given to us is a right that should be treasured and should be taken seriously.

PLEASE READ THE INITIATIVES. Do not make your decision solely on television advertising, radio spots, or mailed brochures. It is your duty to learn about the issues, read the actual initiatives and learn about the candidates and what they stand for. We must take our voting rights seriously.

As President Harry Truman once said, "Decisions are made by those who show up." November 8 is your opportunity to show up and make important decisions that will have a great impact on you, your family and the State of California.

Below I have included links to the County Registrar's Office in case you need to know where your polling location is.

Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters: <a href="http://www.lavote.net/voter/where\_vote.htm">http://www.lavote.net/voter/where\_vote.htm</a>

San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters:

http://gis1.sbcounty.gov/vrlookup/presentation/chameleon/search.asp

Ventura County Registrar of Voters: <a href="http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecidx.htm">http://recorder.countyofventura.org/elecidx.htm</a>

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